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REPORT

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THE MEDICAL OFFICER

OF HEALTH

for the

URBAN DISTRICT OF HORNSEA

YEAR, 1952



HORNSEA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1952.

To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Hornsea.

Sir, or Madam,

I beg to submit my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year ended 31st December, 1952.

The birth and death rate statistics call for little comment and stand at about the same level as in the past few years. The deaths from cancer remain fairly high though at about the average for the district, whereas those resulting from cardio-vascular degeneration have shown a marked upward trend accounting for no less than half the death rate.

Our continued immunity from notifiable infectious disease is very gratifying practically all the incidence being limited to measles of a mild type.

Rainfall.

The rainfall has been about the average level 24.96 inches throughout the year, the amount in the first six months being comparatively light. September was the wettest month - 4.00 inches and February the month in which the least rain fell - 0.73 inches.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area 3437.73 acres inclusive of inland water.

Resident population as computed by the Registrar-General

mid-1952	5370
Number of inhabited houses	2235
Rateable value	£42671
Sum represented by a penny rate	£169.17.0

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Live Births	74	36	38
Legitimate	71	35	36
Illegitimate	3	1	2
Still Births	0		
Birth rate per 1000 estimated population	13.8		
Birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 estimated population	15.3		

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Deaths	76	34	42
Death rate per 1000 estimated population	14.1		
Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 estimated population	11.3		
Deaths from puerperal causes	0		
Deaths from cancer	10		

Deaths from measles	0
Deaths from whooping cough	0
Deaths of Infants under one year of age	4

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The only change to be recorded is the termination of the agency arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade for the use of the ambulance, the vehicle now being under the direct control of the County Council.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water.

Water is purchased in bulk from the Hull Corporation and is distributed by the Council.

The consumption during 1952 was 65,846,000 gallons, a daily average of 180,400 gallons, which is equivalent to 34 gallons per head of population per day.

Drainage and Sewerage.

No new developments have taken place during the year.

Public Cleansing.

The method of disposal of house refuse is by incineration, the material being collected by motor transport at approximately weekly intervals.

The income from salvaged material has decreased owing to increased difficulty in disposing of waste paper and a fall in its market value.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>No. in District.</u>
Bakehouses	8	4
Drainage Works	116	
Rats and Mice	43	
Shops	36	133
Dwelling Houses	276	
Water Supplies	302	
Food Premises	76	
Moveable Dwellings	421	650

Camping Sites.

No. of sites in the area which are used for camping purposes during the year	8
No. of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 . . .	8
Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer months	2200

Estimated number of caravans, sheds etc., which were used as permanent dwellings in the area 80

An enquiry has been held by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on the County Development plan, the results of which are awaited. The conditions on the sites remain unchanged, and the need for redevelopment on sanitary and amenity grounds is as pressing as ever.

HOUSING.

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

(1) (a) Total no. of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	145
(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose	156
(2) No. of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	4
(3) No. of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation	4
(4) No. of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	26

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

No. of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 96

Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	16
(2) No. of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	15
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	1
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	22
(2) No. of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	18
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 15 of the Housing Act, 1936	
(1) No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	2
(2) No. of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made 0
- (2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit 0

New Houses.

During the year the erection of the 74 houses forming an extension seawards on the estate was completed and construction of a further 10 houses was commenced. This development will utilise all the land purchased in this area by the Council for building purposes.

(a) Total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year 450

(b) Number of new houses erected between the end of the War to the end of 1952.

	Temporary	Permanent.
(1) By Local Authority	15	282
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	93

(c) Houses completed during the year.

	Prefabricated		Permanent.
	Temporary	Permanent	
(1) By Local Authority	0	0	36
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	0	18

(d) Houses in course of erection at the end of the year.

	Prefabricated		Permanent.
	Temporary	Permanent	
(1) By Local Authority	0	0	10
(2) By Private Enterprise	0	0	11

Ice Cream Premises.

Number of manufacturers of ice-cream 0
Number of inspections of ice-cream premises 23

Notifiable Diseases during the year 1952.

	Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever	0	0	0
Pneumonia	2	2	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Other diseases generally notifiable			
(a) Measles	57	0	0
(b) Whooping Cough	4	0	0
(c) Erysipelas	1	0	0

Vaccination and Immunisation against Diphtheria - 1952.

(a) Number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during 1952.

Age at date of vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccina- ted	25	2	3	1	2	33
Number re- vaccinated	-	-	-	4	6	10

(b) Number of children at 31st December 1952, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January 1938).

Age at 31.12.52 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1952	1 1951	2 1950	3 1949	4 1948	5 to 9 1943-1947	10 to 14 1938-1942	Total under 15
Number immunised	4	32	40	54	44	361	143	678

(c) Number of children immunised during the year ended 31st December, 1952.
(Figures also included in (b) above.)

Under 5	5 to 14	Total	Boosters
44	11	55	94

The estimated number of children under 15 years of age in the district is 1139.

Tuberculosis.

The number of cases of tuberculosis on the register at the end of the year was 15, all being pulmonary cases. Two new cases were notified and one case died.

I am,
Sir or Madam,
Your obedient servant,

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(Medical Officer of Health).

